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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tadashi KAI, et al.

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FOR: MAGNETORESISTANCE ELEMENT, MAGNETIC MEMORY, AND MAGNETIC HEAD

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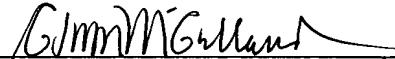
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 9-251621) on PTO Form 1449:

This reference shows a structure having two ferromagnetic layers and a nonmagnetic layer intervening there between. The two ferromagnetic layers are coupled antiferromagnetically to each other.

Reference AP (JP 2001-156358) on PTO Form 1449:

This reference shows a structure having a plurality of ferromagnetic layers and nonmagnetic layers intervening there between. The nonmagnetic layers are formed of Cu, Au, Ag, Cr, Ru, Ir, Al and alloy thereof.

Reference AQ (JP 2002-151758) on PTO Form 1449:

This reference shows a structure having a plurality of ferromagnetic layers and nonmagnetic layers intervening there between. The ferromagnetic layers are coupled antiferromagnetically to each other.

Reference AR (JP 2002-280642) on PTO Form 1449:

This reference shows a structure having two ferromagnetic layers and a nonmagnetic layer intervening there between. The two ferromagnetic layers are coupled antiferromagnetically to each other.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AS (JP 2002-289941) on PTO Form 1449:

This reference shows a structure having two magnetic layers and a nonmagnetic layer intervening there between. The nonmagnetic layer is formed of Ru, Ir, Ar, Au, Ag, and alloy thereof.

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